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EMBOFF DISCUSSED ISSUES RAISED REFTEL WITH CONS. NOGIDO, DIRECTOR MFA OFFICE FOR EC AND MTN AFFAIRS AND CONS. SANTORO, DIRECTOR MFA OFFICE OF NULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. THEY SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH MINISTRY OF TREASURY OFFICIALS BEFORE PROVIDING DEFINITIVE REPLY. THEY INDICATED THERE WAS GOOD CHANCE GOI WOULD GO ALONG WITH FIRST POINT IN PARA 5, REFTEL BY SUPPORTING LESS THAN 100 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING OFFSET FOR COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS. THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVED THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE, HOWEVER, OF RESCINDING OR OTHERWISE ABANDONING 100 COST OF LIVING OFFSET FOR EC COMMISSION EMPLOYEES ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO TAKE AWAY SOMETHING ALREADY GRANTED AND THAT COMMISSION EMPLOYEES ARE WELL ORGANIZED IN POWERFUL UNION THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED GREAT SKILL IN ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES. APART FROM THESE CONSIDERATIONS THEY INDICATED THAT

COMMISSION EMPLOYEES ARE OVERPAYED AND THAT GOI TREASURE OFFICIALS WOULD PREFER TO TRIM COST OF LIVING OFFSET TO BELOW 100 PERCENT IF IT COULD BE DONE WITHOUT DISRUPTING EC COMMISSION OPERATIONS. HOLMES

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